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Poverty Alleviation Schemes in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects pertaining to rural development and poverty alleviation submitted by various State Governments to the Union Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of projects out of them cleared and lying pending for clearance, State/UT-wise and the reasons for their pendancy along with the time by which these are likely to be cleared;

(c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised by the States under various rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) the achievements made during the said period under each scheme;

(e) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) benefited under each of these schemes; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of funds and completion of works on time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay - Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana −Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. Proposals related to these programmes are received from State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time which are examined and actions are taken on them as per the programme guidelines.

(c): The State/ UT- wise funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under various rural development during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-I.

(d): The State/ UT- wise physical achievements made under various rural development schemes during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-II.

(e): Specific provisions have been made under the various rural development programmes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. There is provision of separate earmarking of funds for SCs and STs under PMAY-G and DAY-NRLM. The numbers of beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled caste and Scheduled Tribes, State/UT-wise, under MGNREGA, IAY, now restructured as PMAY-G and DAY-NRLM are given at Annexure-III.

(f): The funds under various programmes are released to States/UTs in accordance with the programme guidelines based on their absorption capacity and utilization of available funds. The Department constantly pursues the issue with the state/UT governments through Performance Review Committee Meetings to ensure optimum utilization of funds and to ensure timely disbursement and sound financial management. In order to ensure that the programme benefits reach the rural poor in full measure, the Department of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of rural development programmes in different parts of the country which include Review by the Union Ministers, Performance Review Committee Meetings, State Vigilance & Monitoring Committees, District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee named as "DISHA", submission of reports by third party monitoring through National Level Monitors, Area Officers Schemes, Concurrent Evaluation and Impact Assessment Studies, monitoring the submission of Utilization Certificates.

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